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The S.P.A. Situation

By UNCLE BILLY

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the S.P.A. was held at the Collector's Club, New York, Friday, October 16, all Directors except Paul W. Savage and P. P. Gray, being present. Resignations of President Gorham, Vice-President Coes, Secretary Lycett, and Treasurer Bray were received and accepted. The following were elected in their stead: President, Dr. N. P. McGay; Vice-President, Dr. F. M. Coppock; Secretary, Frank L. Coes; and Treasurer, George T. Bush. Resignations of Dr. McGay and Frank L. Coes as Directors-at-Large were also tendered and accepted and William J. Aull, Dayton, Ohio, and Dr. Dallas G. Bray elected in their stead. A Board of Appeals, Albert E. Gorham, Chairman, William Lycett, Paul Wise, was appointed. Other routine business was transacted.

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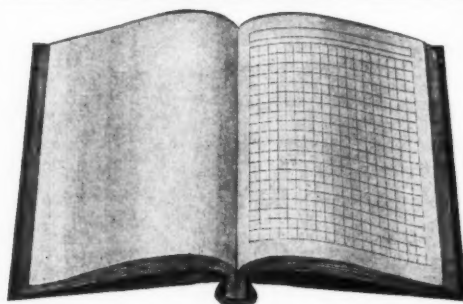
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The Poetry of Stamp Collecting

By C. H. NORMAN

In Gibbons' Stamp Monthly

IT is not easy to analyse the appeal of stamp collecting to the diverse minds represented in many of its devotees; but can one doubt that there is some element in the hobby which attracts the finer side of human character? Stamp collecting has some of the features which go with the collecting of books and manuscripts; it is evidence of an interest in human affairs beyond one's immediate circle.

The "Poetry of Stamp Collecting" may strike some as a phrase hard to justify, but a moment's reflection should convince the open-minded that the stamp collector has something of that insight into life which is the basis of appreciation of those things that lie outside the daily routine. He is interested not merely in collecting pieces of coloured paper with curious and beautiful designs, but his mind is attracted to those pieces of paper for what they represent in human history. The post is the means of intercommunication between the humblest and the highest of mankind, from the wastes of King Edward VII Land to Iceland's rocky shores. The invention of the postal system has been the means of spreading a general culture throughout the world which had hitherto been impossible. It is true that mankind in the mass is still ignorant and foolish in many ways; but it is also certain that the postage stamp is regarded as a boon to poor and rich alike. That coloured piece of paper affixed on an envelope has been the symbol of the cultural progress of the mind. It is the mark of the advance

of that common interest in good and humane things which is one excuse for the substitution of democratic progress for an aristocratic stagnation, which had paralysed the advance of science in Europe in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

What an amazing picture can be brought before the thoughtful mind by an inspection of even a small stamp collection! The craft of engraving has much to thank the postage stamp for, as the postage stamp design has called for the exercise of some of the highest skill in the craft, one of the most delicate that the human hand has attained. The stamp itself is the means of reminding mankind of the benefits conveyed by benefactors of humanity long since passed away. The pageant of human endeavor is recorded on the postage stamp in a dramatic and attractive form, so that one may mark many stages of human progress on a set of stamps.

Every collector would agree that the survey of the album after a strenuous day in the city, in the courts, or in the consulting-room, is one of the best methods of resting and refreshing a harassed and over-tired mind. It sets up a train of reflection quite apart from the day's events, and eases by the very contrast the strain on the mind caused by the hectic and bustling life of to-day. Anything that may tend to calm the mind in this strenuous world is of high psychological value, as tending to preserve that balance of faculties which must be the basis of any well-ordered and well-governed mind.

Stamp collecting, by accustoming the eye to the contrast of colour, also enhances the sense for pictorial beauty. Many people suffer from want of artistic perception, due partly to failure in their appreciation of colour, and partly to lack of training the eye in the contrast of colours. To such people, stamp collecting would be of great value in curing a deficiency which may have far-reaching consequences on the character. How many calamities might have been avoided had political sense been blended with the harmony of colour only the oculist, the alienist, and the physician can rightly judge. But it is a strange circumstance that many insane persons have no true estimate of colour differentiation. It is also a commonplace in European politics to-day that the shades of "red" in opinion have become of profound importance in weighing up the prospects of economic and ordered progress!

The poetry of stamp collecting lies in the appeal to the artistic feelings, in the development of the reflective side of human nature, and in the harmonising of the brain and the eye, one of the main principles underlying artistic genius. The stamp album can contain the portraits of many of the great figures in the history of arms, music, politics, and literature. The postage stamp, nowadays, is specially the standard-bearer of charity, a charity which breathes forth love and sorrow for the unfortunate among mankind.

A glance through a well-filled album must fill one with a respectful and enthusiastic admiration for many forms of human ingenuity and activity. There is a history of

the world in miniature, a training in geography, an ever-present jog to the memory, to be found in the stamp album. Can one think of any other hobby which has such a wide appeal, or which can so impress itself upon the faculty of observation? Cards, chess, and photography have their historical and pictorial appeal, but nothing like that of stamp collecting.

The first Chinese air stamp depicting an aeroplane in juxtaposition to the Great Wall of China of almost immemorial antiquity is, perhaps, the most remarkable contrast of the modern and ancient world. The mind that conceived that design had some of the Oriental cunning, since the invention of the aeroplane has rendered useless the primary purpose of the Great Wall, namely, defence from invasion. It is the mock of modern engineering at one of the most stupendous efforts of the ancient builder and engineer. There is no mutuality here; no supplementing the ancient work of human skill by a modern counterpart: it is a symbol of the futility of the old before the advance of the new.

And so we are driven back, through the medium of the postage stamp, upon ourselves to speculate on the chances and changes of history in its relation to human endeavor. The skill of one age is often the derision of a following age. The leech of long ago develops into the physician and the surgeon of to-day, leaving some to wonder whether the human frame is any the healthier! It is well occasionally to probe the claims of science to modify the misfortunes of human society. Sometimes these claims are as surprising as the knowledge of other realms vouched for by many varieties of religious thought and experience. But a glance at the stamp album will remind us that the uncertainties of

human destiny and the frailties of the human intellect are two light-houses which should warn against too dogmatic a belief in the virtues of, say, the wireless age as compared with the culture of the Renaissance. On the other hand, the very existence of the stamp album is a proclamation of the restlessness of the human intellect at any attempt to cabin it within some particular sphere. As the postage stamp will carry the delicacies of passion from the heart of the city into the desert or into the Arctic regions, so will it convey the wisdom of the West to the bazaars and caravans of the East. The road to Samarkand is a postal road—as well as a camel track, and the path of Eastern illusion and longing.

Lovers, too, have a language of stamps just as they coined a language of flowers. Indeed, during the war the postage stamp carried many a message under the nose of the censor that would have been detected, had it been conveyed in cipher or in invisible ink. The only successful spies were those who resorted to the values or letter on stamps as a means of conveying information from one country to its enemy concerning the strength of army corps, number of guns, number of ships, cargoes of munitions, etc. That is a romantic but little-known fact of the use of stamps in war-time. An English agent in Holland was specially successful in this regard. This may not be evidence of the poetry of stamp collecting, but it is evidence of its romantic possibilities as an imaginative device in the conflict of state and state in securing information desired to be concealed. And the lover may send a message to his mistress through the postage stamp which circumstances might not permit him to convey in direct language. Like other instruments, stamps can be put to good purpose in advancing the cause of a suitor where it may be desired to hide the suit till the declaration is at hand. Once again, the old truth is manifested that Love can turn anything to its purpose, and the postage stamp has not been neglected as a messenger of Cupid when the bolts and bars were otherwise thought to be secure. Thus "the poetry of stamp collecting" is justified again, for Love is the inspirer of Poetry and poetries.

As an aid to the spreading of culture, as a refiner of the mind, as an antidote to the irritant of petty cares, stamp collecting stands far above many other instruments. It has no competitive spirit within its sphere: it spares one from being a bore to one's fellows, for its enjoyment is a personal enjoyment, not involving a wearisome description of the number of strokes that had misfired somehow on the golf course, or the melancholy results of a partner's conduct in not fines-

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sing the knave of spades at the bridge-table, or the disastrous outcome of not playing king to knight square at the crux of the game on the chessboard! It is perhaps true that stamp collecting, like fishing, has produced the yarn-teller about the marvellous catch secured at the exchange club, or in the second-hand shop where a plate covered with old stuck-down stamps has been purchased for a shilling! Still, amongst real collectors, this nuisance can be dealt with kindly but firmly, whereas there is no means, short of murder, for dealing with the golf or bridge bore.

Stamp collecting is a silent pursuit. It throws one on to development of self-resource and self-judgment. It does not set in motion, as so many amusements do, the

competitive spirit, which is so overvalued in this world of hurrying and frenzied finance. In this way, it cultivates the nobler qualities of the human mind, without introducing the baser forms of human misunderstandings and malpractices. It is a rest; it is an aid to reflection; it is an encouragement to self-communing; it is a teacher of the importance of retaining an open mind on the manifold character of human activities. Lastly, it is an aid to the appreciation of beauty in design and colour, so assisting in one of the most difficult types of self-culture. Such are my reasons for asserting that there is a poetry of stamp collecting, as there is a poetry of line, of colour, and of words.

The World in Review

A FORECAST AND A RECORD

Swift to Report ————— Straight to Record

Timely, authentic and complete information on new issues, unlisted varieties, projected philatelic events, etc., is the aim of this department. We will deeply appreciate all contributions of this nature from our readers, and full credit will be given in each case. All contributions should if possible be accompanied by specimens of the stamps concerned, which will be returned promptly.

EDITED BY

RAY SHEPARD, 1529 DUXBERRY AVE., COLUMBUS, O.

ARGENTINE—In addition to the two values noted Sept. 19th, we now learn that the 30c, 50c, 1p and 2p and the Airmail 18c, 72c, 90c, 1.80p and 3.60p have been similarly overprinted.

(Lesgor and Reel)

BELGIUM—Two additional parcels post values have been issued: 30fr. and 40fr.

(Lesgor and Reel)

Copies are at hand of 10c, 25c, 40c, and 70c, Scott's Type A63, with the advertisement of various products in a space stamp-size along side of each stamp. Not being a student of French, your editor is only able to decipher but one of the four advertisements, that being Scott Emulsion. A complete set of four values, with four different ads is 5.80fr. face.

(Rene Boon)

CANADA—The new 10c Cartier, is at hand and lives up to the usual high standard of stamps of this country.

(A. Harold Kirkpatrick)

CANAL ZONE—Scott's No. 96, has been surcharged POSTAGE DUE and a new value except for the 5c, the figures at the bottom have been blocked out with horizontal lines: 1c, 2c, 5c, and 10c.

(Philatelic Magazine)

FRANCE—The 1.50fr. Air Mail in its new color, blue-purple was issued early in September.

(A. F. Turner)

A Victor Hugo stamp is to replace the 1.50fr. stamp which advertises the Colonial Exposition.

(Philatelic Magazine)

JUGOSLAVIA—A new design, with the portrait of King Alexander and a change in the wording (now "the Kingdom of Yugoslavia" instead of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes) gives us a second series of the same design, but with that difference in wording:

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(Philatelic Magazine)

MADAGASCAR—General Gallieni, is the portrait on the four values noted in our issue of Oct. 10th, as well as a new 10fr. which is included in the same group. We are informed that they were placed on sale Sept. 14th.

(Philatelic Magazine)

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PANAMA—The 5c blue has been surcharged for Postage Due. (Lesgor and Reel)

PARAGUAY—Two "Zeppelin" stamps have been issued. The overprint consists of a rough outline of the airship, with the inscription "Correo Aereo" above and "Graf Zeppelin" below, in black on the 4p map stamp.

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(A. F. Turner)

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SIAM—A new series will be placed on sale on April 3rd, 1932, when the Memorial Bridge over the Chao Phraya River in Bangkok will be opened. The values will be 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25 and 50 satangs and 1 baht.

(Philatelic Magazine)

SPAIN—On Oct. 12th, a 30c commemorative will be issued. The date is commemorative of the proclamation of the Republic.

(Lesgor and Reel)

Another value with the overprint "Republica Espanola".

5cs. sepia

(A. F. Turner)

FIRST DAY YORKTOWN

Never before have we known of a situation where the plans of the postoffice department for the issuing of a special stamp on a certain date as the first day of issue have been upset by the appearance of the stamp in the mails several days before the announced date of issue. Just as the forms for printing the paper last week were about to go to press we had word from a local collector who had received a copy of the new Yorktown stamp on a letter from Glendale, California. The letter was posted on October 10, and reached Columbus on the 14th. Thus we have a copy of the stamp that was announced to go on sale at Yorktown on the 19th and at other offices on the 20th, appearing 9 and 10 days before it should appear.

A newspaper clipping from a Los Angeles paper states that these stamps came from one of the Los Angeles Suburban postoffices, (possibly Glendale) and that through error the postmaster at this suburban office sold the entire supply that was allotted to his office to a stamp collector, Albert Gerson. It is said that the quantity was 5000 stamps. It is claimed by the postmaster that he misread the instructions mistaking the date for the 10th instead of the 20th, October.

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The Editor of Linn's Weekly is going to talk about Precancels. Heretofore when we have had occasion to speak plainly as regards precancels we have been accused of being unfriendly to this branch of collecting. Regardless of what might be said at this time and without regard to the consequences, we are going to have our say, let the chips fall where they may.

It might be said at the beginning, that our determination to write this editorial has been brought about by the appearance of the new Hoover Precancel Catalog. We have printed reviews on this catalog both by a well known dealer and by a prominent collector of precancels. Neither of these parties considered the catalog or the hobby from the angle in which we intend to discuss it and whether our remarks are out of order or not, we will leave to you to judge.

The Hoover Brothers have issued a part of a catalog, this book contains the states up to Louisiana in alphabetical order. In addition it has a special section for Buro Prints, another for Bar Precancels, another for Foreign Precancels and another for precancel envelopes. It has been announced that the remainder of the states will be covered in what will be known as part two of the catalog, another volume.

Now let us look at this catalog and see what we have.

The 1929 Catalog consisted of 700 pages. The 1929 catalog up to Louisiana consisted of 232 pages which will leave 468 pages for states Maine to Wisconsin. The new catalog has 254 pages to Louisiana and 10 pages for Bar precancels which heretofore were in the state group listing. The

total number of pages in the new book, however, is 361. Practically 100 pages more than was used for the listing Alabama to Louisiana in the 1929 catalog. Now if we have a gain of practically 100 pages over the necessary number for listing Alabama to Louisiana as used in the 1929 catalogue, how many more pages over the 468 which were used in listing Maine to Wisconsin will be necessary to complete the second section of the present catalog. On the same ratio of increase it is clearly evident that the 468 pages as required for the 1929 edition will have to be increased to between 600 and 650 pages for part two of the catalogue.

Therefore, part two of the catalogue will be practically twice as large as part one and almost as large as the entire 1929 catalogue alone. Not that we object to the size of the catalog, that has nothing to do with the matter from the angle in which we see the book but it does have a lot to do with it from the angle of the man who must pay for the book and every extra page means more cost and the more cost, the less number of books will be sold and if this is to continue, more book, more cost, less sales, how long will it be before there will be no sales because the cost is prohibitive and then there will be no book.

We believe that the publishers of the Precancel Catalog can do more than anyone else to influence collectors along what lines they should collect precancels. When Mr. Rotnem was publishing the catalogue we tried several times to get him to adopt some of our suggestions because we believed them sound and we believed that they would react to the betterment of the hobby. We are going to repeat these suggestions now and feel confident that if they are adopted that the hobby will be strengthened and that many of the troubles of the past will disappear.

The overprint on the stamp which you collect is merely a cancellation. Collectors who specialize in early U. S. stamps collect cancellations. They collect "PAID" cancellations, "FREE", also various designs such as pumpkin heads, skull and cross bones, etc., etc. In collecting these cancellations it is the desire of the collector to get as clean and clear a print of the cancellation as possible and I am certain that any of these collectors would quickly trade any one of these cancellations that was on the stamp upside down or lopsided or doubled in an unrecognizable mess for a clean, right side up perfect print of the particular cancellation. I believe that precancel collectors should collect precancels in this manner. Rather than put a premium on misprints, inverts, doubles, upside down or other improperly printed cancel-

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lations that they should strive to get clean, clearly printed normal position prints of the cancellation and consider these of the most value and all others as undesirable copies of the precancellation.

Were this done it would automatically eliminate the thousands of made by favor doubles, inverts and what nots that have been the bane of precancel collectors for many years. I would even go so far as to recommend elimination of listing of such position varieties in the catalog. Of course it is clearly understood by the writer that in some instances possibly only inverts are known but in such instances these copies are the best and only copies available and are naturally collected as are normal prints of other cities.

At the recent P. S. S. Convention Vic Rotnem even went so far as to advocate the elimination of hand-stamp precancels from the catalog. Without question, this would be a very good thing for the hobby for there are and will be plenty of other stamps for anyone to collect. However that is a matter which I will not attempt to argue for hand-stamp precancels are certainly as legitimate as printed ones. It is the easy manipulation of hand-stamp precancels that scares Mr. Rotnem and if my suggestion as regards collecting only normal prints were adopted that would automatically eliminate nearly all the objections that go with the handstamped varieties.

It might be well to state that the object behind my suggestions is to reduce as far as possible the number of varieties in order that the catalog may be kept as small as possible and for the good of the hobby.

At the same time I would recommend that the Foreign Precancel section as well as the Envelope section and the Bureau Precancel section be eliminated from the general catalog. Already we have a Bureau catalog that covers that subject and as regards Bureau Prints it must be remembered that there are a great many collectors of these stamps who do not collect general precancels and these collectors all buy the Bureau Precancel Catalogue and it is therefore

useless to reprint it in the general catalog and add the additional cost to this catalog.

As for Foreign Precancels I am certain that there are so few collectors of these stamps that it is unfair to add the cost of this section to the cost of the General Catalog and force it down the throat of the general collector of precancels. If there are enough collectors of these foreign precancels to support a small catalog similar to the Bureau Precancel Catalog, then let them have it that way.

I would make exactly the same arrangement with the Precanceled Envelopes. I do not believe that many collectors of General Precancels pay any attention to the Envelopes and therefore these should not be saddled on to the General Catalog and the buyer of this catalog made to pay for this section simply because there are a few collectors who want this in the catalog. Let this group sponsor their own catalog as is done for Bureau Precancels.

It must be understood that the object in making these suggestions is that the hobby of precancel collecting may be saved from utter destruction. The mounting cost of the catalog is such that sales will fall off and if it continues, it will be impossible to produce the catalog in the future for no one will be found to finance its publication. I believe that we all recognize the fact that the present publishers expect to have the catalog pay for itself but this certainly will not happen if costs continue to mount and sales drop accordingly. The biggest cost is for the first book. After that each extra book costs but a small sum and the final cost per book is only lowered by the larger volume of sales.

As a final suggestion and in order that the hobby may again be quickly put on its feet we would suggest the elimination of the items mentioned and then that the catalog be completed as quickly as possible and that a reprinting of the first section be made and bound in one volume with the remainder of the states from Alabama to Wisconsin complete in one volume, bound in paper covers and sold at a cost as low as it is possible to sell the book and get the widest distribution.

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Excuse me, President Garfield. We did not say that. Mr. Stanton said it and we repeated his statement, which we had no right to change. But if you read the interview you must have seen an editorial note to the effect that there was an error in it.

I must ask your pardon, my lad. I did not see that note. Teddy Roosevelt and I were debating the merits of Cromwell the day my paper arrived. I glanced hastily at the interview at lunch, and when I went to read it more carefully a miscreant had carried my paper away. It is much in demand!

About the stamps, I will say that I am well pleased. The 5c of 1882 is my choice, but I am honored by being placed on more than one issue, which is more than Stanton or Harrison are able to say.

Something about my career? Gladly, for I have noticed with pleasure how you have stressed the value of education in these interviews, and the fact that anyone can acquire one. I did so, although I was only two years old when my father died, and the youngest of four children. As I grew I studied, working at the same time as a carpenter, a wood chopper and a canal boat driver.

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However, it is useless to speculate on what might have been. I have given you these facts simply to encourage your younger readers to work and study. There is still unlimited opportunity for the student in our great country. Good-bye.

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Slater, historical officials and attorneys declined to discuss the case except to say the nail company claimed a prior right to several of the valuable stamps which, according to the writ, were found in a Wareham house and given to Slater by an owner ignorant of their value. These stamps are valued at \$12,000, the writ states.

The case is expected to come up for preliminary hearing in Providence County Superior Court on Tuesday. —AP Clipping.

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EDITORIALS

STAMP CLUB PROGRAMS Every local stamp club can increase the interest in its meetings if a program is adopted and carried out in a proper manner. Too frequently, well meaning officers of stamp clubs name a program committee and then forget the matter whereas it should be the duty of the officers of the club to name the committee and then see that the committee functions or discharge it and name a new committee.

The work of a program committee would not be hard if the committee would simply get together and devote a couple hours to a serious study of the situation and map out a program. In mapping out a program it will be found to be best if the committee will consider the phase of stamp collecting with which each member is most familiar and then place that member on the program with a subject that he is known to be able to cover.

Linn's Weekly believes that it would be of interest to members of other stamp clubs if detailed information about the various club programs were made available for publication in order that other clubs might learn and if need be copy from what your club is doing.

Where special stunts are used in your program it would be desirable to explain just what was done and how it was done. Describe the event so that others may get the idea and apply it in their club.

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Linn's Weekly will be glad to have contributions of papers similar to this from stamp clubs. Secretaries of stamp clubs are invited to submit such papers for publication.

MR. FENNEL IN ERROR

In the September American Philatelist, the Editor speaks of the interest in Christmas Seals and kindred labels and remarks that there is no organization of collectors of these fascinating bits of paper. We refer Mr. Fennel to our issue of October 10, in which he will find that there is an organization of collectors of these seals and it is evident that there are many who are interested for Mr. Brumfield has sent in many names for the subscription list of Linn's Weekly. In November, another article on Christmas Seals will be printed, with further information about this society and a handsomely designed heading will be used for this monthly department.

ON THE UP AND UP Business of a general nature seems to have taken a turn for the better and as this situation develops the stamp trade which seems to have suffered less than any other line of business that we can think of, will begin to boom as it has never boomed before. The new catalogue is just around the corner. The catalogue will price the popular U. S. stamps at higher figures than ever before which is still further proof of the stability of our hobby. It is a fact that choice copies of the wanted items have held up in price regardless of Depression talk and advances in prices of these stamps are further proof that the demand is in many instances greater than the available supply. On the other hand, certain foreign issues are being lowered in price and that is as they should be for when we have stamp advertisements quoting stamps at from 50 to 80% below catalog quotations it is evident to anyone that catalog

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A READER FROM DRYDEN, N. Y., sends a clipping from the New York Herald-Tribune in which a man offers to trade a \$25,000 house for a collection of U. S. Stamps. That is nothing, the editor has a house right here in Columbus as well as some vacant lots that he would be glad to trade for a collection of stamps.

THE EXTREME HEAT AT MEMPHIS made the renowned Southern Hospitality flow quite freely.

THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH talk of frozen assets in the daily papers recently that we wonder if there is to be any provision in the new five hundred million dollar bank to liquidate all the old air mail dedication covers that have been looking for buyers.

Buro Prints

Information regarding new issues and notes of interest should be sent direct to the Editor of this column.

C. C. WEBER Editor
5008 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

During the past week a bit of news of great importance to all Bureau Print collectors has come to light. Dr. W. I. Mitchell has announced that he will no longer price bureaus for the Bureau Print Catalog. Lack of co-operation and apparent lack of ability to please some few who object to his method of pricing has caused this ardent supporter of Buros to step aside and permit one or more of the hecklers to take the helm.

No doubt many of our readers have never had contact with Dr. Mitchell. Nor did the writer until taking over the column. Since then we have enjoyed many a friendly hand from the Doctor, even though he lists bureaus for two or three other papers, he still found time to give your editor great assistance in reporting new issues.

This man has always had the interests of the collectors at heart. He is NO dealer. He has no ax to grind. He calls them as he sees them. He may have made an error or two, who has not? He enjoys the confidence of dealer and collector alike. It is this confidence that has permitted him to

gain information relative to stocks, supplies, and hoards that the rest of us never could obtain. Yet this man has been allowed to become so disgusted and discouraged that he desires to throw over this work upon which Bureau Print Collectors place so much faith.

"Dr. Mitchell, we feel that the carrying out of your statement would be a great loss to the bureau collectors and herewith ask that you reconsider your decision, and to carry on."

We also ask the readers of this column who are interested in Buros to drop Dr. Mitchell a card or letter to No. 1644 Visalia Ave., Berkeley, Calif., and tell him personally what YOU think. We must convince him that he should continue his good work and that we are behind him 100% and then some.

PRECANCEL NOTES

By K. M. Gierhart, Baltimore, Ohio

Huntington, Ind., comes out with a new handstamp, Huntington like U-53 Ind., like U-55 or perhaps a little smaller. This is the second of these combination handstamps that have come to my attention in the past few weeks.

Richmond, Ind., has forsaken its old U-1 type for the new and fancy double line type.

The new handstamp at Memphis, Tenn., is used by S. R. & Co., according to Mr. L. L. Batchelder of Chattanooga. He further states that this handstamp was used on some commemoratives and other odd denominations and passed out as favors. He also thinks that the dues on this type are favors. I have reasons to believe though that the dues are O. K.

Baltimore, Md., uses a handstamp that is without lines or bars. This is used by a mail order house and are pretty scarce items.

The new 4c Taft has been coming pretty fast lately. Among the better items are Quincy, Ill., double line type, Wooster and Athens, Ohio, handstamps, Piqua and Newark, Ohio, Freeport, Ill., electros. Considering the short life these Taft stamps will enjoy I would advise every collector not to trade off his duplicates of these unless he gets Tafts in return.

In Rochester U-12 type, the dollar value reading up seems to be much scarcer than the down variety.

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This department belongs to our readers and we ask you to send all information received to the Editor as soon as possible and same will be acknowledged

Trans-Atlantic Service

Just prior to leaving Friedrichshafen on the last trip of the Graf Zeppelin to Pernambuco, Dr. Eckner stated that then for the first time, he was making the attempt to couple the Zeppelin, and airplane in establishing a fast Trans-Atlantic mail service, and that he believed that letters posted in Berlin on Friday will soon be delivered in Rio on the following Monday; and no doubt, except for the present depression, New York-Berlin service would now be an established fact.

Bremen Plane Crash

The ship to shore plane "New York" which left the Bremen on Oct. 5th, in mid-ocean on its last flight of the season, met disaster off the coast of Nova Scotia. Both pilots Simon and Wogenknecht lost their lives. It is reported that part of the cargo of mail has been recovered but we have no information as yet from any collectors who have received any of it. Write us if you have.

Lindberghs

The sudden termination of the Lindbergh far east trip, due to the death of Mr. Morrow, means that the Lone Eagle will not carry the Chinese mail on the first flight from Shanghai to Chungking, as was expected; however Bob Brooks' Bulletin reports that these celebrated pilots did carry mail from

Point Barrow to Nome, Alaska, on their Japanese flight, early in August. So that if you received any covers from Alaska along about that time, better study them up, as you would be a lucky collector to locate one so carried by Lindy.

Sales Department

Of the American Air Mail Society, under the management of H. C. Carpenter, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is operating very efficiently at this time, and provides a good means by which collectors may dispose of their surplus covers and air mail stamps, or add to his collection those missing items.

Australia

D. E. Dickason reports receiving First Flight covers on the route from Melbourne via Launceston to Hobart, which was opened May 1-2, 1931. An elaborate cachet was applied officially, making same very attractive covers.

Akron

The test flights of the dirigible seem to be progressing very satisfactorily, and probably ere long, the Mistress of the Skies, will depart for its future temporary home at Lakehurst, New Jersey. Harry Aaron tells us that the Chamber of Commerce of Akron, Ohio, will provide a cachet to be applied to air mail, on the day that she departs for Lakehurst, so it's wise to send covers to the Chamber at once telling them to hold for that event.

Coming

The American Legion are sponsoring a cachet for the Air Meet to be held at Compton, Cal., on November 8th.

There will also be a cachet commemorating the 20th. Anniversary of the crash of Cal Rodgers at that place, when he was near the end of the First Transcontinental flight by plane on Nov. 12th, 1911.

Mark your covers for each of these events and send to Fred Wilde, 917 N. Burris Ave., Compton, Cal.

Covers

Dedication of Cassard Field, at Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 10th, with a nice cachet by American Legion, and also aviation companies. Cover from L. B. Wood, also bears a number of pilot autographs.

Cover also from that city Oct. 11th, for Flying Exhibition by Furniture Capital Air Service, at which Art McCann made a Triple Parachute Drop.

From L. E. White cover mailed Oct. 9th. on board U. S. Frigate Constitution, with beautiful large cachet picturing the ship, by the Norfolk, Va., Chamber of Commerce.

Frem E. M. Brower cover mailed at Wenatchee, Wash., Oct. 5th. the day Herndon and Pangburn, landed there.

Cover from Fort Bragg, with good Post and Gatty cachet, Oct. 9th. Dr. J. D. Brock, Continuity Ace, who has flown 697 consecutive days was received by Pres. Hoover Oct. 13th. and good cachet by the M. and M. Assn.

Glendale, Cal., had a suitable cachet for the arrival of Moyle and Allen on Oct. 11th.

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SIR HENRY M. STANLEY

The following was suggested by the Congo Commemorative issue of 1928.

John Rowlands is the real name of our subject. He was born June 10th, 1841, at Denbigh, Wales. His father died when he was two years old, leaving him to the unkind mercies of relatives, and from this time until he landed from a British sailing ship, in New Orleans, he suffered from poverty and neglect. In New Orleans young Rowlands attracted the attention of a merchant named Henry Morton Stanley, who subsequently adopted him and gave him his own name.

When the Civil War broke out, Stanley's adventurous nature inspired him to enlist in the Confederate army. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Shiloh in 1862, and obtained his freedom by joining the Federal Artillery. However, he did not serve long in this capacity, being discharged as unfit on account of illness. Stanley then returned to Wales for a short visit and upon his return, his health being restored, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served until the close of the war.

The war over, Stanley became war correspondent for the New York Herald, and in this capacity he travelled in many out-of-the-way places in search of copy.

It was while representing his paper in Spain during the uprising of 1869 that the opportunity came to Stanley which was to place him before the whole world as an African explorer. He was sent to find and relieve Livingstone, who was somewhere in the interior of Africa. The arduous journey through the Jungles was begun in March, 1871, and in November he found Livingstone on the banks of

Lake Tanganyika, but was unable to persuade the veteran explorer to return with him.

Next, in 1874, Stanley undertook an expedition to explore the equatorial region of Africa. This was his hardest expedition, but it was successful, as he determined the sources of both the Nile and Congo rivers. In 1879 the king of Belgium sent him to the Congo region, to plant trading stations and to open up the navigation of the river. His work was so thorough that it led to the founding of the Congo Free State in 1885.

After this Stanley made several other trips to Africa, the most noteworthy of which was his expedition to rescue Emin Pasha from the Arabs in 1889. In 1891 he became a British subject, was knighted for his great services, and in 1895 entered Parliament. When the Cape to Bulawayo Railroad was opened in 1897, Stanley was present at the ceremonies as an honored guest. He died in London on May 10th, 1904.

In geographical discoveries Stanley accomplished more than any other explorer of Africa, with which continent his name is indissolubly connected, along with those of Livingstone and Rhodes.

—F. L. Fleener, Joliet, Ill.

TORONTO BRANCH OF THE C. P. S. ORGANIZED

On Tuesday evening, October 6th, 1931, some twenty-five enthusiastic stamp collectors assembled in the Club Rooms of the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, for the purpose of organizing a local branch. The meeting was marked by keen interest and enthusiasm shown, which argues well for the future interest of Philately in Toronto.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President, Mr. Fred Jerrett; Vice President, Dr. Ball; Secretary, Gordon Crouch; Treasurer, Mr. Henry Woodcock.

Following the election of officers, an impromptu speech was made by each member present which brought out the fact that our local boys are a body of enthusiastic collectors and well-versed in Philatelic affairs.

Following the business end of the meeting, a Stamp Browse was indulged in and Mr. Herbert Buckland had his specialized collection of Great Britain together with his collection of stampless covers, dating from 1797 to the introduction of Penny Postage by Great Britain in 1840.

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The Lexington-Concord stamps of 1925 will be the subject of Major Kimble's radio broadcast on Saturday afternoon, October 31st. His fifteen minute talks take place every Saturday at 5:16 p. m., Central Standard Time over WMAQ, the Chicago Daily News (870 kilo.). A different U. S. Commemorative series will be taken up each time until all those stamps have been covered. This is the twenty-fifth talk. Those not able to listen-in may secure further information by writing him direct. Address Ralph A. Kimble, 8118 Dante Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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The first human "air mail parcel," tagged, stamped and canceled, has arrived at Croydon airdrome, London. He is M. G. Lantscheere, a young Belgian, who discovered that while the passenger fare from Brussels to London was \$19.70, parcel postage for his weight amounted to only \$10.19.

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FILATELIC FISH FRY

Mr. R. Zimmerman of Sandusky, Ohio, and another member of the Sandusky Stamp Club were callers at the office of Linn's Weekly recently. Mr. Zimmerman extended an invitation to members of the Columbus Philatelic Club to meet with the Sandusky Stamp Club at an early meeting.

On October 9, several members of the Toledo Stamp Club were guests of the Sandusky Stamp Club and were regaled with an old fashioned Fish Fry, which surely is enough inducement to make one travel a long ways.

PHIL. WEISS VISITS IN NEW YORK

Phil Weiss of the Queen City Stamp Company of Cincinnati, together with Mrs. Weiss are spending a couple weeks in the east. Mr. Weiss has been in the habit of making a trip to the big city each fall in order to pick up such bargains as he could find to add to his already large stock of stamps.

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	20462
	20463
20475	20464
	20484
	20488
	20484
20476	20486
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20477	20488

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His return to New York was no doubt necessary in order that his able assistant Mr. Leslie Davenport could catch the boat for Bermuda for he it known he has taken unto himself a wife and the newly married couple are on a honeymoon trip to Bermuda, and when Mr. Davenport gets back he will doubtless "know his onions".

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